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In re Application of	:	
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For: INDOOR UNIT OF AIR CONDITIONER	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. *No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.* However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Korean Utility Model Publication No. 0127611 appears to disclose an opening and closing device for an indoor unit of an air conditioner.

Korean Utility Model Publication No. 20-0312142 appears to disclose an opening and closing mechanism for a front panel and an upper panel of an air conditioner.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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